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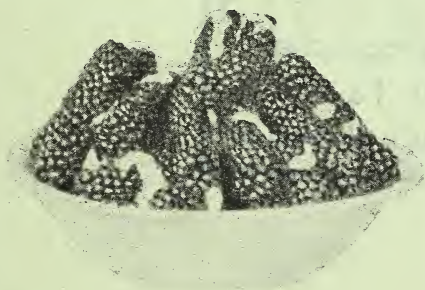


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# Cory's Thornless Blackberry



*A New Variety of Blackberry,  
of mammoth size,  
the Canes of which are as Free  
from Thorns as a Grape Vine*



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MODESTO, CAL.

# Cory's Thornless Blackberry

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## A SURE WINNER

This new variety of mammoth blackberry, as it becomes better known, is destined to hold a foremost place among blackberries. The plant was discovered by Martin Meuli on a ranch in what is known as "Mountain Pass," Tuolumne County, California, in 1909. Mr. Meuli, after he had found the plant, paid no further attention to its development. Mr. W. C. Cory, a neighbor, after whom the plant is named, noticing the unusual characteristics of the vine, took cuttings from it and, after many years of patient effort, has produced a berry superior to any other on vines absolutely free from thorns.

## A PROLIFIC GROWER

Cory's Thornless Blackberry is unlike any other berry grown. The canes start to grow early in the spring, growing thick and stout until about five or six feet long, when they take the trailing habit, at which time they should be trellised. It is a prolific grower, the canes often reaching twenty to thirty feet in a season. Individual plants under favorable conditions will produce from 150 to 200 feet of cane in a season. They can be pruned to suit. When exposed to the sun, the canes are a deep red color. The foliage is large, thick and of a dark green. It is not an evergreen, but some of the leaves often stay on all winter.

## AN EARLY BEARER

This blackberry blooms early in the spring and ripens its fruit three weeks earlier than most cultivated varieties. It is enormously productive. Individual plants are known to have produced 15 three-quarter-pound baskets

at one picking. In size of fruit no other blackberry even approaches Cory's Thornless. Berries are frequently found measuring three inches in length, nearly as large as a man's thumb.

### **FINE FLAVOR AND GOOD FOR COOKING**

Cory's Thornless Blackberry has a distinct flavor of its own, very much like the wild blackberry of California. It is practically free from



Showing Vigor and Habit of Growth in the Field.

seed—another important feature. The core is very small and firm. As a fresh fruit, when well ripened, direct from the vine to the table, it is a berry de luxe.

For cooking purposes it is superior to any blackberry grown, as it contains much less acid than the Loganberry, making it possible to make luscious jams and preserves with less sugar than any other blackberry on the market. Yet it has sufficient acidity to make excellent jell.

### **WILL THRIVE IN MOST ANY SOIL**

Cory's Thornless is a hardy berry and will thrive in almost any soil, but its yield is commensurate with the cultivation, irrigation and fertilizer the plant receives. One acre that is

in bearing on Mr. Cary's place produced 700 crates, and about one-half of the vines were used for propagating. These berries have firm meat, an essential feature in shipping.

### **ABSOLUTELY THORNLESS**

Owing to the absence of thorns, the cost of picking the fruit is cut in two, for, be it remembered, it is not even necessary to wear gloves when gathering the berries. Then there is the labor saved in pruning the vines, and the ease with which the dead wood is removed.

### **A MONEY MAKER**

As a horticultural product it will place more dollars to your credit than any other berry. This is true owing to the early maturing of the fruit, the labor saved in harvesting and caring for the vines, to the absence of thorns, and its splendid shipping quality.

We have entered into an exclusive contract with Mr. Cory to sell these plants for a term of years. It is only through us that the plants can be secured. Mr. Cory is anxious to have his plants widely introduced, and is offering them at prices within the reach of all.

### **PRICES**

Prices quoted are F. O. B. Modesto, California. If plants are to be sent by parcel post, add 5c per plant to cover postage. Excess postage will be refunded. One to 50 plants, 30c each; 50 to 100, 25c each; any number above 100, 20c each.

### **PACKING**

We make no additional charges for packing. All plants are packed in moss, wrapped in water-proof paper, insuring perfect safety in transit.

All orders are filled in rotation as received.

Strong-rooted vines will be ready for delivery February 1, 1918.

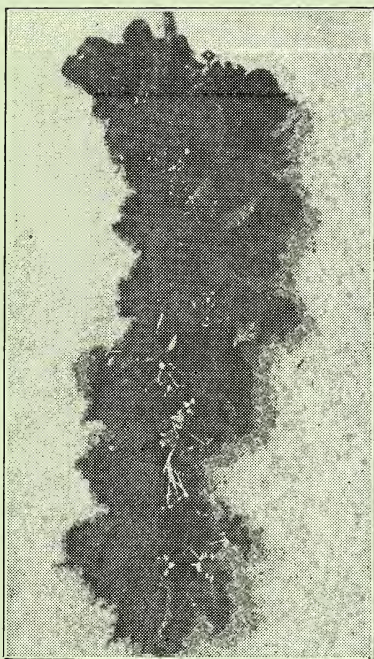






# TESTIMONIALS

*As to its Vigorous Habit, its Bearing Quality  
and its Superb Fruit.*



Full Bearing Cane Cory's Thornless Blackberry.

## *Superior to the Mammoth Blackberry.*

The Jamestown National Bank  
Jamestown, Cal., Dec. 12, 1916.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have been experimenting with Cory's Mammoth Thornless Blackberries for the last seven years, and for the last two years I have been raising them for the market, and the average production is 15  $\frac{3}{4}$ -pound baskets for each hill.

My experience has been that the shipping and keeping quality of the Cory Mammoth Thornless Blackberry is superior to the well known Mammoth Blackberry.

It has a distinct flavor of its own which is unsurpassed and is nearly seedless, while its canning qualities are of the best.

The plants are the hardiest of berry plants, and the canes grow to 20 or 25 feet per season. The canes are as free of thorns as the grape vine.

W. C. CORY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of December, 1916.

CHAS. F. BENTERFIELD,  
Notary Public in and for Tuolumne County,  
State of California.

## *Verifying the Statements of Mr. Cory.*

The Jamestown National Bank

Jamestown, Cal., Dec. 12, 1916.

To All Concerned:

I have read the accompanying sworn statement of W. C. Cory, who is well and favorably known to me, and I can certify to the truth of the assertions made therein, having seen, picked and eaten his Thornless Mammoth Blackberries.

W. E. BOOKER,

President of the Jamestown National Bank.

## *Enormous Yields of nearly seedless Fruit of Quality.*

Office of the Sheriff of Tuolumne Co.

Sonora, Cal., Nov. 15, 1916.

Mr. W. C. Cory,

Mountain Pass, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Three years ago I obtained and set out one dozen plants of Cory's Thornless Mammoth Blackberries and for that time they have been in full competition with several of the best varieties of the berry obtainable, under identical conditions.

Their yield last year was prolific, double that of any other variety, and the fruit was larger, of delicious flavor and almost seedless.

The vines are hardy, sturdy and without a thorn, making the harvest a pleasure instead of a torture.

The Cory's Thornless Mammoth has proven itself far better in every way than the best you can claim for it.

W. H. SQUIRES,

Under Sheriff.

## *The Fruit cannot be Excelled.*

Jamestown Drug Store

Jamestown, Cal., Aug. 17, 1917.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to inform you that I planted some plants of the "Cory's Thornless Blackberry" and got berries off of same the first year. They are a wonder, and as to eating qualities I don't think they can be excelled.

They are certainly giving entire satisfaction in this section and I think it will only be a matter of time that the old thorny bush will be replaced by Cory's Thornless.

Yours respectfully,

H. S. FLANDERS.

## *Nothing Compares with Cory's Thornless.*

Mt. Pass, Aug. 22, 1917.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have been in the fruit business 13 years and have handled all kinds of berries, but have never handled any that can compare with Cory's Thornless Blackberry.

They are earlier, larger, have fewer seeds, are of better flavor and are better for canning and jams than any blackberry I have ever seen. I have picked them myself for four (4) years and they are the most prolific bearer I have ever seen; and last but not least, the canes have no thorns.

J. E. MEIER.